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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 26, 2005

TO: School Superintendents

FROM: Pam Pfitzenmaier, PhD
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and Secondary Education

RE: ITBS/ITED Interpretive Leaflets

Section 1118 (e)(1) of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) requires schools and districts to provide assistance to parents in understanding state student academic achievement standards. Furthermore, NCLB requires that the information disseminated to parents be in an understandable format.

Interpretive leaflets for each of the required grades (3-8 and 11) have been developed and are available for use by districts in reporting individual results from the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) and Iowa Test of Educational Development (ITED) in reading and mathematics at the following web site: <http://www.state.ia.us/educate/ecese/nclb/documents.html>. Interpretive leaflets posted on the Iowa Department of Education web page are available in several non-English languages in HTML format (see <http://www.state.ia.us/educate/> and scroll to the bottom of the page for translations).

Beginning in the 2005-2006 school year districts need to disseminate the appropriate grade level leaflet in the same manner as the individual Student Profile Narrative Reports from Iowa Testing Programs to parents.

For more information on this requirement, contact Paul Cahill (paul.cahill@iowa.gov) or 515-281-3944.